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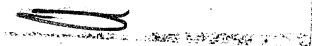


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FRENCH ELECTION SITUATION

- I. Further complications, expected today:
 - A. Upper house will probably reject govt.

 proposal for electoral system.
 - B. This will rule out elections this year:
 - l. February then likely, although
 January date possible.
 - 2. Further delay favors Mendes-France who needs time to consolidate support.
 - C. Faure govt in untenable position if it cannot force early dissolution of Assembly:
 - Anticipating early elections, it depended on Communist votes on election bill.
 - Govt so intent on immediate elections, it backed voting system most favorable to Communists when non-Communist parties could not reach compromise.



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- I. Last week's elections were a definite victory for Magsaysay and for his forth-right pro-American policies.
 - A. Recto, only candidate elected on opposition slate, came in sixth out of eight instead of first as some had feared; his chances for successful presidential bid in 57 severely dimmed.
 - B. Nacionalistas also won all but a handful of 52 provincial governorships.
- II. While president's popularity reestablished, his reform program still faces rough going.
 - who is close to Recto, has announced he will lead senate opposition.
 - Prospect is for some party realignments and reforms owing to ultra-conservatism

of most Pilipino politicans.

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